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GREAT DAY FOR SNOWFEST

There was plenty of snow, meaning much fun Monday for the third annual SnowFest, put on by the Caledon Agricultural Society. One of the highlights was the Firefighters' Challenge, but before they got a chance, ambassadors from various other agriculture societies took to the track to show their stuff in the Agri-Turf Ambassador Challenge. The host society was represented by Past Junior Fair Ambassador Julie French and current Ambassador Patrick Forster. Turn to page A9, A14 and A15 for more scenes of SnowFest.

Photo by Bill Rea

Board urges lobbying for special education funding

By Bill Rea

The Peel District School Board is mounting a lobbying effort to get the Province to change the formula when it comes to special education funding.

The effort has already started, as Board Chair Janet McDougald appeared before Caledon council last week, suc-

cessfully gaining support there. She's also been meeting with representatives of school council's throughout the Region, talking to about 50 representatives Tuesday evening at South-Fields Village Public School.

McDougald stressed this is a lobbying campaign. "It's not adversarial," she said, adding local MPPs have been approached to advocate on the Board's behalf. She's been urging people to lobby their MPPs, Education Minister Liz Sandals, Premier Kathleen Wynne, etc. She's also calling on people to spread the word through friends, colleagues, leaders of faith communities, etc. She also said this would be a good water-cooler topic.

McDougald believes the board is getting short changed when it comes to Special Ed-

ucation High Needs Amount (HNA) funding. She has stated the Peel Board is funded the lowest of all 72 boards in the province per pupil for HNA. The Board gets \$339 per student, while the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board gets \$375 and the Halton District School Board gets \$601.

McDougald told the meeting the Province established the funding formula 10 years ago, and has never recognized the growth in Peel since then. At the time, the Province called on boards to report on their rates of special education students, but the method of calculation varied between boards, and McDougald agreed Peel might not have done its figuring to perfection.

"This is 10-years-old, and nothing has changed except

the growth in enrolment," she said.

Throughout her presentation Tuesday night, McDougald raised the issues of fairness and equity, stating that's not being followed with this funding formula.

She also said it's not just the students with special needs who are being impacted, but all students. The Peel Board has about 22,000 students with special needs.

Peel is at the bottom of the range, in terms of the amount of per-pupil money it receives. The top board receives almost \$1,700. McDougald agreed there are additional burdens on some of the more remote boards, justifying them receiving more. For example, if

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"They didn't question. They stepped right up to the plate."
Councillor Allan Thompson, praising the work of Town staff during December's ice storm.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Bring your own baby from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. at the Albion-Bolton branch of Caledon Public Library. The free program is for babies up to 18 months. Join in one of the many story times where you can enjoy stories, rhymes, activities and so much more with your child! Parent or caregiver to accompany child. Advance registration is required.

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Bolton Banter Toastmasters meet every first, third and fifth Thursday at the Albion-Bolton Community Centre at 7 p.m. Lose your fear of public speaking and build leadership skills. Everyone welcome. Email info@boltonbanter.org or visit www.boltonbanter.org

"Has your life been affected by someone else's drinking? Al-Anon Family Group is for you." The Bolton group meets Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. at Caven Presbyterian Church (110 King W, Bolton). Call 416-410-3809 or <http://al-anon.alateen.on.ca>

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Caledon Meals on Wheels is starting a new Seniors Program in Palgrave at Palgrave United Church. Come and find out more Feb. 21 from 10 a.m. to noon. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 905-857-7651.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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Is over eating a problem? Overeaters Anonymous meets every Saturday morning at 9 a.m. at Claude Presbyterian Church, 15175 Hurontario St. (Highway 10). For more information, call 416-615-2300.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Adult computer workshop at the Albion-Bolton branch of Caledon Public Library from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The topic will be Try Your Hand at Mobile Devices. Learn the basic tricks and techniques for using your mobile device. Advance registration required. Call the library at 905-857-1400 for more information.

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Caledon Meals on Wheels is starting a new Seniors Program in Terra Cotta at Terra Cotta Community Centre. Come and find out more Feb. 24 from 1 to 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 905-857-7651.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Family Story Time at the Albion-Bolton branch of Caledon Public Library for children up to five from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Join in one of the many story times where you can enjoy stories, rhymes, activities and so much more with your child! Parent or caregiver to accompany child. Advance registration is required.

Girls Rock! A brand new program that celebrates all things girl from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Albion-Bolton branch of Caledon Public Library. The aim is to present positive discussion around things like peer pressure, self-image and it will help to empower girls aged nine to 12 to understand that all things are possible. Advance registration required. Call the library at 905-857-1400 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Family Story Time from 10:15 to 11 a.m. at the Inglewood branch of Caledon Public Library, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. at the Caledon village branch and 7 to 7:45 p.m. at the Albion-Bolton branch. The program is for children up to five. Join in one of the many story times where you can enjoy stories,

rhymes, activities and so much more with your child! Parent or caregiver to accompany child. Advance registration is required.

Lifetree Cafe meets St. James' Church, at 6025 Old Church Rd. in Caledon East. This free venue for conversation runs from 7 to 8 p.m., and everyone is welcome. Tonight's topic will be News From the Future: A Futurist Gives a Sneak Peek. Call 416-579-9977 for more information.

Lectio Divina Meditation Group meets from 11 a.m. to noon. Looking for an escape and rejuvenation? Come and join us for tea and meditation. All are welcome. Located at Bolton United Church at 8 Nancy St.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter #ON1381 meets every Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Caledon Central School (Kennedy and Charleston, Caledon village). This non-profit weight loss group meets to learn about nutrition and exercise. Call Barbara at (519) 927-5696.

Caledon East Seniors Club #588 meets every Wednesday at 1:15 p.m. at the Caledon Community Complex, Caledon East. Everyone welcome for an afternoon of friendly euchre and lunch. For more information, call (905) 584-9933 or (905) 857-3352.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Group meets in Bolton United Church Heritage Hall. Weigh-in from 6:45 to 7:20 p.m.; with the meeting running meeting 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. This non-profit weight loss support group meets every Wednesday. Everyone welcome. Call Ruth at 905-857-3237 or Lorraine at 905-857-1568.

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MONDAY, MARCH 10

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TUESDAY, MARCH 11

Orangeville and District Horticultural Society will hold a general meeting at the Seniors' Centre at 26 Blythia St., Orangeville. There will be refreshments and social at 7, followed by the meeting at 7:30. The topic will be Mason Bees with Julia Kron of Fergus. For more information, go to www.orangevillehort.org

The Peel North Branch of the Retired Women Teachers of Ontario will meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Mandarin Restaurant, 238 Biscayne Cres., in Brampton. All retired women teachers are welcome. RSVP to Karin at 905-796-2146.



Peel District School Board Chair Janet McDougald and Director of Education Tony Pontes addressed Tuesday's meeting.

Photo by Bill Rea

Money applied to special needs has to come from somewhere

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a psychologist is needed to see kids, that person would have to be flown into some of the more remote areas.

She added comparing Peel's figures to neighbouring boards in the Greater Toronto Area carries a stronger argument.

The result is the Peel Board spends about \$14 million more on special needs students than it receives in grants.

"That is not overspending," McDougald maintained. "It's under-funding."

She added addressing the needs of all students is a Board priority. "It's simply the right thing to do," she said.

The \$14 million has to come from somewhere, McDougald said, meaning there's an impact on all students.

McDougald said there is a formula used to distribute about one per cent of the special education grants that predicts the incidents of needs in a community. This method is supported by international experts and it could replace the HNA formula.

Applying it would place Peel somewhere in the middle of the pack among school boards, adding between \$14 million and \$16 million annually.

McDougald said the Ministry of Educa-

tion is looking at changing the model, but to give Peel more would mean taking money away from other boards. She added MPPs are going to be reluctant to see boards in their riding have to give up funding. "It's all political," she said.

"If we gain, someone's going to lose," she observed.

"We need you to make this happen," McDougald told the meeting. "We know that you have more influence than we because you have votes."

Trustee Stan Cameron called the effort "a labour of love" for trustees.

He added he's discussed this with Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones. "She was very understanding," he said.

McDougald said it might be optimistic to hope there will be any changes to the grant system this year, although she's hoping to see a sign from the government that they will review the formula. If there's no response because of politics, she said this will become an issue in the next provincial election, which could come this year.

Director of Education Tony Pontes was sounding more optimistic. "We never say it's done before the money's in our hands," he warned, but added he's cautiously optimistic.

Forum to address farmland protection in advance plan reviews

Farmers, planners, policy makers and elected officials are invited to Guelph March 7 for the Ontario Farmland Trust's 10th annual Farmland Forum: Toward Permanent Land Protection in an Evolving Policy Environment.

Participants will have the opportunity to share their insights and recommendations to help inform upcoming Provincial Greenbelt and Growth Plan reviews. After nearly 10 years working through the implementation of these plans, there is the question as to whether communities more effectively curbing urban sprawl and protecting Ontario's agricultural lands?

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The public forum will also present an opportunity to learn about new ideas, tools and approaches being piloted and applied by innovative organizations and municipal leaders throughout Ontario.

Forum speakers will include keynote Kevin Eby from Waterloo Region Planning; Adam Redish of the Ontario Growth Secretariat; Marcy Burchfield of the Neptis Foundation; Wayne Caldwell of the University of Guelph School of Environmental Design and Rural Development; Peter Lambbrick of the Greater Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance; and Kathy Macpherson from the Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation, among others.

Farmland Forum partners include the Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation and the University of Guelph's School of Environmental Design and Rural Development.

For more information on the 2014 Farmland Forum, visit www.ontariofarmlandtrust.ca



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Family Fun Night at CPCC

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Photos by Bill Rea



Christina Grieco, 5, and her brother Nicholas, 3, were busy building all sorts of neat stuff from Legos.



Svetlana Lazareva of Bolton was watching as her 11-month-old son Vlado Lazarev hit the bricks.



Fiona Tonelli, 3, was very proud of her heart-shaped tattoo.

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Jones praises first responders during dangerous winter

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones MPP has thanked first responders and emergency personnel for their tireless efforts throughout what has been a very difficult and dangerous winter in the riding.

"This has been a very rough winter for many Dufferin-Caledon residents and families," Jones said. "As officials urge us to stay off the roads for our own safety, there are still those among us who

work outside every day to assist those in need."

"Our first responders and emergency personnel have dealt with the dangers of this weather with bravery and courage and they deserve our sincere thanks," she added. "They have been working hard to get people into shelters and keeping our roads cleared, at personal risk."

"In Dufferin County, a state of emer-

gency has been declared, and only a few weeks ago we suffered a terrible ice storm in Caledon," Jones observed. "We've seen Rosemont volunteer firefighters rescuing stranded motorists, and many Red Cross volunteers helping with the warming centres used last Friday in Dufferin County. In Caledon, we saw hydro crews working around the clock to restore power to the countless homes that lost power, and municipal road crews working non-stop to try and make our roads drivable again."

"All of this incredible hard work has been appreciated by our community," she commented. "The personal risk these individuals take on can be substantial, as we saw with the terrible accident that occurred just outside of Orangeville recently. My heart goes out to the OPP constable whose police cruiser was hit while she was assisting another motorist."

In response to extreme blowing snow, cold, and hazardous driving conditions, Dufferin County declared a state of emergency. The severe snow and wind was consistent for days and several roads remain impassable. In late December, the Town of Caledon was caught in the midst of an ice storm that caused havoc across the Greater Toronto Area. Estimates of the damage and clean-up costs in Caledon and Dufferin are still being calculated.

"Dufferin-Caledon will get through this extreme weather, but we couldn't do so without the dedication and professionalism of our first responders and emergency personnel," Jones concluded. "They've made all Dufferin-Caledon residents proud, and so as the MPP for Dufferin-Caledon I would like to thank them for everything they have done and continue to do during this difficult time."

\$50,000 reward

Police seek help with three-year-old homicide

Caledon OPP are appealing for help from the public in their investigation of a 2011 murder.

Police say Van Sanh Tieu, 53, was apparently killed Feb. 18, 2011. His remains were discovered by work crews excavating after a large residential fire on Mississauga Road in Caledon. Evidence revealed the home had been used as a

marijuana grow-op. Tieu had been tending to the property in the days before his death.

Investigators remain confident that the mystery surrounding his death will be solved. A \$50,000 reward is now being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for his murder.

The OPP Criminal Investigation Branch file remains open on this matter, and police believe there are individuals who know what happened, and who could assist them in completing this investigation.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Caledon OPP at 905-584-2241. Those who wish to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), where they could receive a cash reward of up to \$2000.

Traffic stop leads to drug arrest

A speeding car lead to drug charges against a 61-year-old man from East York Feb. 14.

Caledon OPP reports they responded to a complaint shortly before 8 a.m. regarding a speeding car on Old Church Road, near Regional Road 50. Officers were able to locate a 2002 blue Acura at Old Church and Innis Lake Roads.

The vehicle was occupied by a male driver and two male passengers. Upon

Driver charged

A 24-year-old resident of Orangeville was charged Feb. 7 with stunt driving.

Caledon OPP reports an officer was conducting speed enforcement on Charleston Sideroad shortly after noon, and spotted a white Dodge pick-up truck heading east, going 104 km-h in a posted 50 zone.

The truck was impounded for seven days.

speaking with the driver, the officer detected an odour of alcohol on his breath. Subsequently, the driver was escorted to the back of the officer's cruiser for the purpose of a roadside test. During the investigation, the officer learned that the driver was on parole with conditions to not consume, purchase or be in possession of prescribed drugs or alcohol. As a result, the male was arrested and a search of the driver uncovered a quantity of drugs, believed to be cocaine. As a result of the arrest, the officers searched the vehicle and uncovered a quantity of drugs, believed to be marijuana and hashish in the possession of a 17 year-old male.

The man was charged with possession of a schedule I substance. A 17-year-old was charged with two counts of possession of a scheduled substance.

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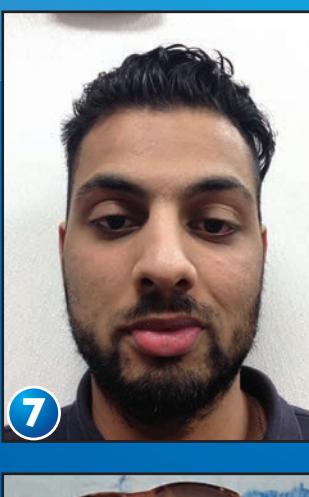
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COMMITTEE HOSTS MASQUERADE GALA

It was an elegant scene for Valentine's Day Friday at the Royal Ambassador Event Centre with the Masquerade Gala, hosted by the Caledon East Revitalization Committee. Proceeds from the evening will be going toward flower planters and new banners for the downtown of the village. Seen here are event organizers Adriana Roche, Andrea Prieur, Ann Currie, Jacqui Viaene, Chris Merkley, Cheryl Robb, Peter Paterson and Mollie Cavan.

Photo by Bill Rea

Town holding meeting on growth forecasts

The Province has amended the population and employment forecast numbers for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, and that's going to have implications for Caledon.

The Town will be hosting an information session tonight (Thursday) to discuss it.

It will be in the council chambers at Town Hall, with a public open house from 6 to 7 p.m., followed by a formal presentation. There will be a review of historical growth data, as well as staff analysis relating to the growth forecasts review.

The forecasts for 2031 have been increased and new forecasts for 2041 have been assigned to Peel Region. The Region is undertaking an Official Plan review to bring its numbers into conformity with the new forecasts. Through that, the Region will be allocating population and employment growth to Caledon, as well as the Cities of Mississauga and Brampton.

For more information, contact Haiqing Xu, manager of policy and sustainability with the Town's Development Approval and Planning Policy Department at 905-584-2272, ext. 4172.

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Mayor Marlyn Morrison last week presented plaques of appreciation to Fire Chief David Forfar, Parks and Recreation Director Kristene Scott and Public Works Director David Loveridge. Joining her for the presentation were Councillors Rob Mezzapelli, Allan Thompson, Doug Beffort, Richard Whitehead, Gord McClure, Patti Foley and Nick deBoer.

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Morrison thanks staff for their work during December's ice storm

By Bill Rea

As clean-up continues in the wake of the massive ice storm, Mayor Marlyn Morrison took time out last week to acknowledge the contributions of staff.

Caledon was particularly hard hit by the storm which ravaged the Greater Toronto Area a couple of days before Christmas. Several Caledon residents were without electricity for several days that followed.

Morrison made a point at last week's Town council meeting of delegating council to thank staff for the extra hours many of them put in during the days that followed the storm.

"We couldn't have done this without everyone working so hard," she commented.

Morrison noted the efforts included volunteer firefighters knocking on doors to make sure the occupants at the home were safe and taken care of. In other cases, there were extra efforts to make water available to farms so livestock would be looked after.

Morrison said she's still hearing comments from residents on the work that was done.

She recalled spending a lot of time

emergency control centre that was set up at Town Hall. "People were there all the time," she said.

Morrison presented plaques of appreciation to Parks and Recreation Director Kristene Scott, Fire Chief David Forfar and Public Works Director David Loveridge.

Councillor Allan Thompson praised parks and recreation staff for keeping warming centres operating, also pointing out several part-time employees put in a lot of hours in the days following the storm.

"They didn't question," he said. "They stepped right up to the plate."

Soup and snow art at Palgrave United Sunday

In the midst of this long hard winter, Palgrave United Church is offering an opportunity to warm up with soup this coming Sunday (Feb. 23), starting at 11:45 a.m., and then to enjoy creative play in the snow.

The cost will be pay as you can. There will be the chance to paint, built and sculpt the snow, while trying a variety of soups and hearing stories.



Patti Foley, Regional Councillor
Bolton Ward 5

THE ONE PUBLIC MEETING YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS

**Caledon Town Hall
6311 Old Church Rd, Caledon East
Thurs February 20, 2014
6:00 Open House 7:00 Presentation**



Rob Mezzapelli, Area Councillor
Bolton Ward 5

On January 21st Town of Caledon staff brought forward Report DP-2014-011 Growth Forecasts Review - Growth Options to Council. Given the scope of the recommendations contained in the report I moved that it be referred back to staff and that a meeting be set to gather public input. Councillor Mezzapelli seconded my Motion which passed unanimously. Please join us on February 20th and share your views.

How much growth has Caledon seen in recent years?

According to Census data, between 2006 and 2011 Caledon grew by 2,500 people. Elsewhere in Peel, Brampton and Mississauga grew by roughly 90,000 and 45,000 respectively. Most of the Caledon growth occurred in Mayfield West and Caledon East.

When will Bolton see any growth again?

While a small amount of "filling in" is happening, a residential expansion for Bolton is not slated to begin until nearer the end of this decade. The number of people planned in that expansion is roughly 10,500 and this would occur over a number of years.

I came here because I wanted to live in a small town; why do we need ANY growth?

I came here for the same reason. And while I hope Caledon never becomes a city I do recognize that SOME growth is important to us. Reasons include infrastructure renewal, support for our businesses (we want our local shops, and restaurants to stay viable so they are there when we need them), and property tax revenue (our aging infrastructure and the increasing services we require both cost money).

Does that mean we need to add a lot of population? or perhaps more industry?

It means we have to find the right balance. And not just how much population, but when, and where. It's also important to recognize that Caledon residents currently carry the lion's share of the property tax burden (81%). Adding more industry would change that ratio and help keep residential property taxes in check while, at the same time, providing customers for restaurants and shops.

Councillor Mezzapelli has provided further data around the population forecasts to the right.

Many may not realize but the Province of Ontario, through various Acts and Policies, require municipalities in the Greater Golden Horseshoe to plan for population and employment growth. The Places to Grow Act was passed in 2006 with a planning horizon of 2031.

Our current Official Plan was approved by Council back in 2009. This plan takes Caledon from its 2011 population of roughly 60,000 to 108,000 by 2031 or 48,000 additional people over 20 years. Growing our population by 80 % will be a period of considerable growth for Caledon, the greatest we have ever experienced.

The Province has indicated recently that municipalities need to plan for the next horizon which is 2041. Within Peel, Brampton, Caledon and Mississauga are currently determining how many of the 330,000 people and 100,000 jobs each will be taking.

This 10 year planning period has the real potential to accelerate the growth rate in our current Official Plan. The 5 possible growth option scenario's Council recently received in a report range anywhere from 132,000 people and 59,000 jobs to 167,000 people and 94,000 jobs (all numbers are total). I have suggested to Council and Staff that many in our community would elect for a lower number, reflecting a slower rate of growth.

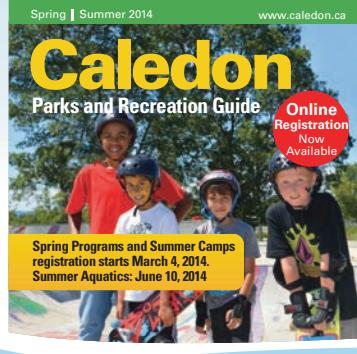
Bolton, Mayfield West, and to a smaller degree Caledon East will accommodate the vast majority of this growth. It is fair to say however, that the impact of this growth will be felt Caledon-wide.

The vision and dreams you have for Caledon are yours. I want to encourage that whatever your position, Council and staff need to hear it as together we chart Caledon's course for the future.

If there is one meeting to attend to have your position heard I believe this is it because the course that is chosen will have a profound influence on what Caledon is and more importantly, what it will become.

Please come out and have your voice heard. Encourage your friends and neighbours to come out. If you can't attend, please consider sending a letter/e-mail to register your position.

Town News



Watch for the new guide Feb. 10, 2014

No more waiting in line.

Online Registration Starts March 4, 2014

Starting at 7 a.m. on March 4 you can register online 24/7 for your favourite programs. Log on and register for aquatics, summer camps and other Town of Caledon Parks and Recreation Department programming.

To get started visit:

www.caledon.ca/recreation



BOLTON Farmers' Market



Calling all Farmers, Producers, Artisans and Entertainers

The Bolton Farmers' Market is starting fresh for 2014.

From June 14 to October 11, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Downtown Bolton.

We are looking for new vendors. If you are a farmer, producer, artisan, entertainer or community group, give us a shout.

Contact: 905.584.2272 x.4286 or farmersmarket@caledon.ca.

Safety Message from Fire and Emergency Services

Do you need help clearing your hydrant? Contact us at 905.791.7800 x.3499



Keep Fire Hydrants Clear in the Winter

Snow covered fire hydrants increase emergency response times.

Fire hydrants keep our community safe by allowing Fire and Emergency Services personnel quick access to water in case of fire. That's why you should never park in front of a hydrant or block it in any way.

It is important to always keep the fire hydrant near your home or business clear of snow. Snow covered fire hydrants increase emergency response times. By making sure your fire hydrant is snow free and accessible from the road at all times, you and your neighbourhood will be safer in an emergency.



The Parks and Recreation Administration Office is Relocating

The Parks and Recreation Department Town Hall administration office will be re-locating effective Monday, February 24, 2014. All Parks and Recreation Department business that took place at Town Hall will now move with us to our new location.

Here are important facts you need to know:

- Our office will be situated at the Caledon Community Complex, 6215 Old Church Road, Caledon East
- The main Parks and Recreation Department phone number will remain as 905.584.2272 x.4235
- Staff phone numbers will remain the same

All mail should be addressed to:

Parks and Recreation Department
6215 Old Church Road
Caledon East, Ontario
L7C 1J6



If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call our main office at the phone number listed above.



Tall Snow Banks can be a Hazard!

Public Works wants to remind parents to caution their children when playing around snow banks created by the large amount of snowfall.

Digging forts which could collapse OR slipping into traffic off high elevated snow banks are considered potentially hazardous and harmful. Motorists, please be on the lookout for children, pedestrians and other vehicles when entering intersections, side streets and driveways.

Also note:

INTERFERING WITH SNOW PLOWING OPERATIONS

In order that Public Works can efficiently clear snow from roads, residents are reminded that parking is not permitted on streets during a winter storm. Overnight parking considerations are deemed invalid during this time.

SNOW ON ROADWAYS

Residents are reminded that when clearing snow from your driveway that you should not deposit your excess snow on the roadway. This accumulation of snow causes obstructions and may result in a vehicle losing control. Please clear your snow onto your own property and not into ditches or the road allowance.

OBSTRUCTING SIDEWALKS

Sidewalks need to be kept free of obstructions so that residents can safely walk without having to travel on the roadway. Wheelchairs and seniors who have difficulty negotiating curbs cannot easily move around vehicles blocking the sidewalk. Also, sidewalk plows have limited space to maneuver around cars and in many cases cannot clear the sidewalk.

Interim Property Tax Bills have been mailed

The Interim property tax due dates are:

Thursday, March 6, 2014 and Thursday, May 1, 2014

Taxpayers are responsible for the payment of property taxes by the due date. Failure to receive a tax bill does not excuse a taxpayer from responsibility for payment nor relieve the taxpayer from liability to pay penalties and interest.

Please contact the Town at 905.584.2272 x.7750 before the due date if you do not have a copy of your 2014 Interim property tax bill.

Late payment charges will be applied one date following the due date and on the first day of each following month that property taxes are outstanding.

To sign up for pre-authorized payments (PAP), please visit: www.caledon.ca/tax

MARCH BREAK @ CALEDON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Caledon Public Library is 'gearing up' for this technically-inspired March Break and it's going to be **TECHTACULAR!** Throughout the week of March 10 - 14, there will be something offered for many age groups at each of Caledon Public Library's 7 branches:

- **Roboti-cell** **MAKE YOUR OWN VIDEO GAME**
- **Chess in the Library Tournament**
- **Rainbow Recycled Fish**
- **Rollin' Roller Coaster!**
- **Steampunk Jewelry & Clocks** ...and more!

TECHTACULAR March Break @ CPL

Call for Community Green Fund Applications

The Town of Caledon invites local Caledon, not-for-profit or volunteer groups to submit a funding application to the Town's Community Green Fund. Community Green Fund projects must have a clear environmental focus; engage the community; outline clear and specific results; provide measurable results and support the Town's environmental policies. Maximum funding requests are \$5,000.

The application deadline is March 28, 2014.

For project funding, only a letter of intent is due at this time.

The required letter of intent template and other application material is posted on the Town's website at www.caledon.ca/greenfund

Groups are strongly encouraged to contact the Town's Energy and Environment Section at 905.584.2272 or via environment@caledon.ca to discuss your project ideas.

Town of Caledon wants your Input on its Environmental Strategic Plan

The Town of Caledon has taken a strong stance on its identity as the "Greenest Town in Ontario". In maintaining that reputation, the Town is in the process of updating its Environmental Strategic Plan, the "Environmental Progress Action Plan". On February 25, the Town invites you to both comment on and suggest new actions in an interactive afternoon of creative presentations and consultations with some of the Town's most dynamic environmental leaders.

When: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Where: Caledon Community Complex, Lion's Den Room

RSVP: environment@caledon.ca or Katelyn McFadyen, 905.584.2272 x.4169



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Arts & Entertainment



Vinyl and java fill the air at 3G and Archtop Cafe

By Mark Pavlons

Few retail outlets make you feel like home.

When you walk into Bolton's 3G Music and Sound and Archtop Cafe, it hits you. A smile appears on your face and you immediately feel at ease, soothed by the sounds of light jazz. There's nothing quite like sitting on a comfy sofa and lis-

haps even some Beatles' hits.

The welcoming atmosphere of this one-of-a-kind venue is the culmination of owner Ron Larcombe's life-long relationship with music.

And it's still evolving, taking shape.

It's the ambiance and the synergy that's been created between the music store and studio, and a slightly eclectic

well in Toronto's theatre district.

It can, in fact, help reinvigorate the downtown core of small town Ontario.

Nearing its second anniversary in Bolton, 3G and Archtop continue to grow.

Larcombe, a Nobleton resident, just recently introduced vinyl records to the shop. This is the fastest-growing of the pre-recorded media and Larcombe finds it exciting.

The wall displaying classic albums from the '60s, '70s and '80s creates a sense of nostalgia, and brings back a flood of memories. And the collection is growing exponentially, as new titles come on stream and consumer demand rises.

Larcombe noted an older couple came in recently and were simply taken back by the albums. "You could see the excitement on their faces," he said, adding they left with a new turntable.

For parents, it's something of a blast from the past. For the younger generation, they find vinyl "new and cool."

Larcombe said the new vinyl is 180 grams, providing a warmer sound that tracks better. As well, some of the new turntables have built-in USB ports so you can actually record your old (or new) vinyl to play on your portable devices.

Larcombe hopes to host some vinyl listening sessions, where music-lovers will be encouraged to dust off their old albums and bring them down. He's also trying to use old album jackets as decorative display items, so feel free to drop some off — they'll be appreciated.

The venue also provides live music every Friday night from 8 to 10 p.m. in a relaxed atmosphere. Local musicians of all ages get a chance to perform live in a family-friendly atmosphere. The setting is warm and the audience is very forgiving.

Larcombe said he's had performers as young as 13 and as old as 75 hit the stage. He's had a five-piece band and countless soloists.

He's pleasantly surprised at the quality of local talent and he hopes to host more events in his unique coffee house

and music store.

Their motto is "food, brew and songs" and it comes together perfectly in this historic building.

Larcombe said he stresses quality — from the types of coffees and desserts to the musical education from top-notch music instructors.

Part of 3G is its focus on providing quality music lessons, primarily in guitar, bass and drums. He has a very solid group of teachers who provide superior levels of instruction with positive reinforcement.

Music is another language, one that opens minds and improves our cognitive abilities.

He wants his venue to exude a positive experience for everyone who stops in.

Larcombe is proud to have created his own little eco-system, one that combines music lessons, retail, supplies, service and great food.

It seems almost destiny that brought Larcombe to this point.

He was a typical kid interested in music and played in a band in high school. He became a professional musician and travelled across the U.S. and Canada. He then ventured into retail and has experience in musical instrument manufacturing.

He was drawn to a store-front operation, and knew from the first time he laid eyes on the old building that it was perfect. It even has very nice acoustics.

3G and Archtop is like a magnet to a musical soul. Larcombe wants to become a destination location for Bolton's core. He also wants to turn the venue dial up a notch, and become a well known hot spot for up and coming performers.

The place has a lot of potential.

And it already has all the ingredients for a perfect blend of robust java and jamming.

Drop in to browse, spin a record or enjoy some food. You may not want to leave.

3G and Archtop Cafe is at 56 Queen St. North in downtown Bolton. For more, visit 3musicandsound.com



Ron Larcombe of 3G Music and Sound and Archtop Cafe.

Listening to some classic 1970s rock or perhaps a cafe. It's the type of place that would do

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Tilson announces funding for blues and jazz

Dufferin-Caledon MP David Tilson has announced \$30,700 in federal funding to support the 12th edition of the Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival.

"By investing in the Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival, the government of Canada is showing its support for an event that draws thousands to Orangeville, boosting the local economy while giving spectators a unique cultural experience," he said.

This year, the festival expects 33,000 visitors to experience a broad and eclectic range of blues and jazz music in Orangeville's historic downtown core from June 5 to 8.

"The Festival is pleased to receive significant support from the government of Canada," said Festival founder and artistic director Larry Kurtz. "With this support the Festival is able to offer increased local talent, a key element of our success."



Orangeville Blues and Jazz Treasurer Adrian Bita, MP David Tilson and Artistic Director Larry Kurtz.

Photo submitted

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THE MONUMENTS MEN (PG) (TOBACCO USE,LANGUAGE MAY OFFEND) DIGITAL PRESENTATION, NO PASSES, STADIUM SEATING
FRI,TUE 3:35, 6:35, 9:25; SAT-SUN 12:35, 3:35, 6:35, 9:25; MON,WED-THURS 6:35, 9:25

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WINTER'S TALE (PG) (VIOLENCE,MATURE THEME) DIGITAL PRESENTATION, STADIUM SEATING
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POMPEII (PG) (VIOLENCE) DIGITAL PRESENTATION, STADIUM SEATING
FRI-SUN,TUE 4:00

POMPEII 3D (PG) (VIOLENCE) DIGITAL PRESENTATION, STADIUM SEATING
FRI,MON-THURS 6:40, 9:20; SAT-SUN 12:45, 6:40, 9:20

Lots of snow and fun at SnowFest



There was no shortage of snow or fun things to do in it Monday at SnowFest. This was the third year for the annual Family Day event, held by the Caledon Agricultural Society at the Fairgrounds in Caledon village. Lots of kids at SnowFest had a great time climbing this mountain of snow.

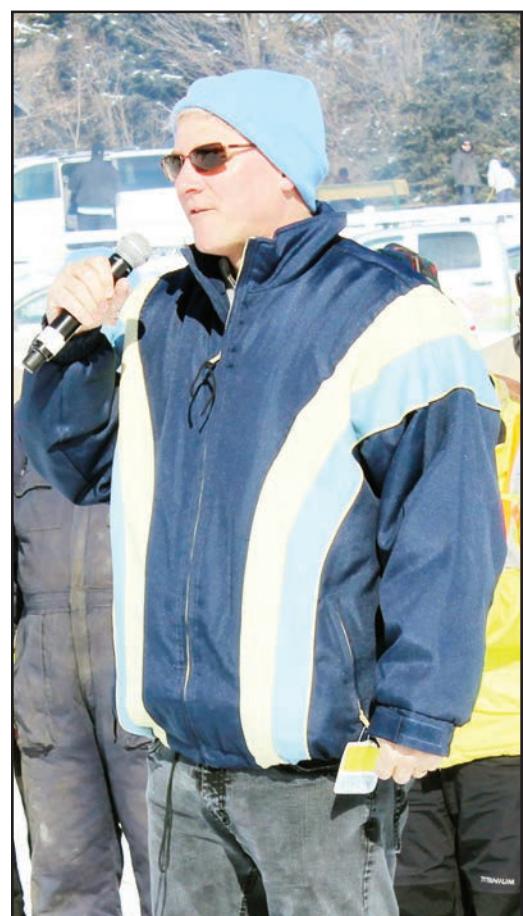
Photos by Bill Rea



There were a number of displays on the site. Caledon OPP Constable Marianne Burgene and Valerie Arnold-Judge were handing out information on the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program.



Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones and MP David Tilson got to ride into the grounds in style, courtesy of Zen Slipenkyj of the Orangeville Snowmobile Club.



James Dick Construction was the presenting sponsor of SnowFest. James Dick Vice-President Greg Sweetnam was on hand to greet the crowds.

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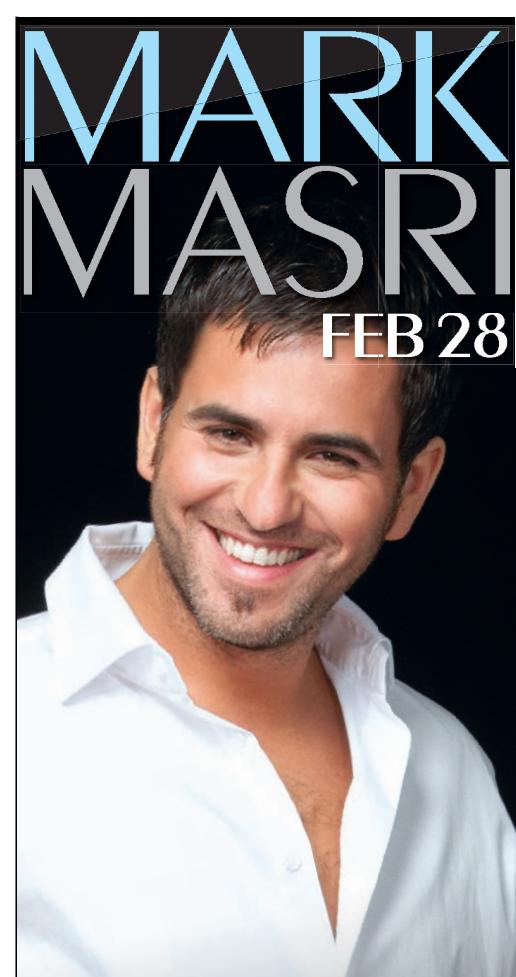
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Our Readers Write

Glad mayor's reputation intact

Finally, after years of frustration, character assassination and much indignation, Mayor Marlyn Morrison has been fully exonerated from the abusive accusation of taking bribes and tax fraud (Toronto Star, Jan. 30).

According to this newspaper, Jeffrey Granger, a former Canada Revenue Agency team leader, was sentenced to three years in prison "for his involvement in a scheme to help wealthy developers evade taxes and frame Caledon's mayor for taking kickbacks."

Granger is certainly getting what his criminal actions deserve. According to the same article in the Star, he has lost his family, his home and his position of trust and now his freedom.

On a personal note, I have worked on Marlyn's three mayoral campaigns and became a personal friend because of this association and because of my respect and admiration for this very principled lady. So I was very much involved with the family when these accusations started. The lowest point was after the brutal physical attack on John Morrison as all seemed to be connected somehow and none of us could say or do anything except watch and wait for the next occurrence and pray it didn't happen. What was most amazing was that during this time Mayor Morrison did not break or give up. She continued doing her job conscientiously and with dignity. We were all confident that this woman we so greatly honoured would triumph over these horrific allegations and personal onslaught and now, with much gratitude, this has finally happened.

As Marlyn Morrison has stated that she will not seek another term in office as Mayor of Caledon, she can retire with her excellent reputation intact, knowing she has done an exceptional job, will be missed by many and has done so regardless of the personal trials and tribulations her chosen career created.

It is with great pride that I can write that I have known a truly outstanding mayor, an excellent administrator, and a generous woman who always put the Town of Caledon first and foremost in her efforts to do the best for her residents. Most of all, she has always been and will continue to be a devoted wife, a loving mother and grandmother and a true and faithful friend.

Lynda Craig,

Palgrave

Veterans deserve better

The following letter, addressed to Eglinton — Lawrence MP Joe Oliver, was submitted to the Citizen for publication.

As I have been receiving almost daily emails from various friends in the Conservative Party, I thought I should respond and explain why I have been reluctant to renew my financial support of your party lately.

You should know that I'm ok with politics as usual — even disingenuous ads like the one you sent me. So far as I know, there are American billionaires that support Keystone — some Canadian ones too. And I'm ok with all that — I don't think there's anything inherently wrong with billionaires. In fact, I'd like to be one myself. I can live with comments like these that are over the top — it's politics and I get it.

But where the governing party — your party — has lost me is in our apparent treatment of our Armed Services veterans. Or more specifically, our apparent mistreatment of those who have served their country.

I admit some bias. My father served in Canada's Air Force during the war and my father-in-law saw action in the North Sea and during D-Day. My uncle was a career member of the services and one of my son's best friends currently serves with the Princess Patricia Regiment in Edmonton. I even spent a short stint at military college. So full disclosure — I am vested in the military.

The tragic suicides that have been attributed to psychological damage from Afghan missions and the heavy-handed approach to closing veteran centers has been well publicized. Yet Veterans Affairs Minister Julian Fantino's inability to keep his commitment to seriously meet with concerned veterans recently signals to me that, at best, he is insensitive to veteran concerns, at worst, he does not consider their problems worthy of his attention. And he represents your government on these matters.

Now maybe you are just losing the public relations battle. But from my lens, I see the government response as you are meeting your obligations to the military. But yours is the party that finally raised the status and priority of the military. The sense I had was that finally, after almost 40 years of neglect, the Canadian government was making a commitment to provide modern kit, training and support to the Armed Services and using them appropriately to support Canadian interests abroad.

Sir, my impression is that commitment is sadly lacking, as evidenced by recent events involving veterans. You can do better. We, as a nation, can do better.

My wife and I have stood on the 401 bridges and honoured soldiers' families whose child's body has been brought home. We unfailingly attend the Bolton Cenotaph ceremony each Remembrance Day and appreciate seeing our MP, David Tilson, and other of the people's representatives honour the fallen. But these are the easy tasks. A couple of hours out of each year does little for those that have taken on such risk on our behalf only to return home alive but in need of help to get back some of the normality of life they may have lost protecting our national interests.

I understand that fiscal constraints force hard choices. In my opinion, this is one area where more latitude should be afforded our veterans.

So, back to why I haven't sent in any funding for the Conservative Party lately. My wife and I have decided we would feel better if, instead, we increased our support to The Wounded Warriors of Canada Fund for the reasons I've cited above.

Don't worry. We will likely continue to vote for your party — the other options are too dismal to contemplate. And I don't expect a response to this note. One can only hope, given enough comment, that your party — and maybe the others too — would consider how we might serve better those that have served us and now need more than we seem willing to offer.

Craig Honey,

Cedar Mills

It happened today

For a time in the 1960s, astronauts were biggest heroes around, and John Glenn was at the top of the pile.

Strangely, his one Mercury flight was his only one, at least for many years when he finally got a ride on a space shuttle.

He epitomized a certain squeaky-clean image that was so important to the space program at the time. Michael Collins, command module pilot on Apollo 11, wrote Glenn was "the best PR man of the bunch."

His status was secured with his three-orbit flight which took place this day, Feb. 20, 1962.

Results from last week's poll:

Do you think Canada's men's hockey team will win gold at the Olympics?

a) Yes  64%

b) No  36%

The results of this poll are in no way considered to be valid or infallible.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Are you satisfied with the local level of snow removal this winter?

a) Yes

b) No

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CANADA SHOULD BE GETTING A LOT MORE GOLD MEDALS.

THIS FROM THE GUY WHO CAN'T SPEND TEN MINUTES ON THE TREADMILL WITHOUT A BEER BREAK.



Passing Valentine's grade

Is it me, or has Valentine's Day become a lot more popular over the last couple of years?

It seems there's a lot more happening that particular day, and in the days leading up to it, than when I was a younger man. For one thing, I had to work Friday night, which was Valentine's Day, meaning I was a little late getting home to my wife. Worry not, however. I had the good sense not to walk into the house empty-handed (I ain't as dumb as I look).

But there was a time when Valentine's Day was just another day, especially when it came to work. There was a time there were no parties to cover that particular night, but there were two Friday night, which explains why Beth had to wait for me to get home. And the wait was prolonged by the fact I had to stop for the long-stem roses. It was a little past 8 p.m. when I stopped at the supermarket and approached the floral section and I walked right into the middle of a mob. And despite the crowd of flower shoppers and the fact that inventory had clearly been depleted, there was still some selection — enough to ensure I would be welcomed when I arrived at my hutch.

There was a lineup at the counter to pay for them, and barely had I plunked the flowers down on the counter that the young lady on the other side efficiently got busy with the task of wrapping them, pulling out the paper. I started to remind her to remove the price, but it quickly became obvious that I need not bother.

"We've been doing this all day, sir," she told me with a grin. "We know the routine."

I think there are lots of men who know the routine too, but like I stated above, I think they have become a lot more common in recent years.

In fact, it was a topic of conversation in the office Friday. It was helped by one of the women accepting delivery of flowers from her husband (it happens every Valentine's Day). I contributed to the conversation by showing off my knack for trivia, naming all seven victims of the St. Valentine's Day Massacre (I admit I got hung up for a few seconds recalling the name of Albert Weinshank). I was the only one in the office able to do it, and probably one of only six people the Western Hemisphere who think that's something to brag about. I think it's also indicative of just how much of a romantic slob I am. In case you hadn't figured it out by now, I'm not.

Case in point — I did arrive home Friday night bearing flowers. But after the appropriate hugs and kisses, the overtures ended. There was no romantic dinner at some exotic restaurant. In fact, we ordered in pizza, at Beth's insistence (she had actually made the announcement a couple of days before). She even paid (Casanova I ain't).

Ironically (or maybe it wasn't so ironic), the movie *Marty* was on Friday night. It was a 1955 romantic drama starring Ernest Borgnine (he won his Oscar for this one) about a very nice, but lonely man in his early 30s with no immediate prospects. I know very well what it's like to be alone in one's early 30s. Fortunately for me, Beth and I had become an item by the time I got into my mid-30s.

I guess one needs a good reason for celebrating Valentine's Day before actually being inclined to do so, and there was a time in my life when I didn't have it. By that, I mean what is commonly known as a "significant other." It is true that celebrating the day is much more of a priority when one has someone to celebrate it with.

So we both ended up having a good day, and a pretty good evening, even if I was

late getting home.

We did go out for dinner Saturday night. It was the annual Oyster and Pasta Dinner, put on by the King City Lions, and Beth and I have been regularly attending since the days I worked in that municipality. It's basically an all-you-can-eat affair, starting with bowl after bowl of terrific oyster chowder. I had six and a half bowls. I would have been able to say I had seven, but while she worked on her pasta, Beth kept sticking her spoon into my bowl. She commented at one point that it was a sign of endearment, appropriate for the time of year (namely Valentine's Day). I had to admonish her that I was still eating.

Nobody ever asked me to play a romantic tie in anything. Hardly a surprise!

Remembering the Beatles, 50 years later

I phoned my aunt at about 7:30 last Sunday evening (Feb. 9), and pointedly asked her what she was doing exactly 50 years prior to that moment.

Nothing wrong with her memory, although her timelines were a wee bit off. She knew which house she was in (the one in which I was living at the time), and she told me she and I and other people (my late grandfather, mother, father and uncle, and still-living brother and cousin) were watching the Beatles on the Ed Sullivan Show. In fact, the Ed Sullivan show didn't start until 8, which is why I said her timelines were off. But there comes a point at which one can be too picky, and I guess I was there.

Harkening back 50 years, I well remember that evening, and it was my aunt and brother who were anxious to get dinner done so we could all watch the Beatles. My parents generally had a problem with rushing anything to accommodate TV schedules, but the Beatles seemed to be something of an exception (to this day, I cannot explain why, because neither of them were ever fans of the Fab Four).

That evening was just three days after my sixth birthday (I'll bet some of you are doing mental arithmetic right now), and I had no idea what the Beatles were. My family usually watched Ed Sullivan Sunday nights, and being the little kid that I was, there wasn't much there to attract me, *Topo Gigio* notwithstanding. Even while the show was going on, I was puzzled at what all the fuss was about. I was watching a couple of guys on stage with funny haircuts.

I started appreciating what was going on the following day at school. There was a kindergarten class full of kids who were excited about having watched the Beatles on TV the night before. But our teacher, Miss Ferguson, brought us all down to earth fast. She told us the Beatles were bad, that they wore wigs and those haircuts weren't real. There were a couple of other negative things she had to say about them.

It's a bit of a pity, really. Miss Ferguson retired a couple of years later, so I suspect she's no longer with us (I don't know for sure). She was a wonderful lady and my memories of her are very happy, if I can set aside the propaganda she was trying to spread about the Beatles.

I have always been interested in history, and I appreciate some of the major events I have been privileged to have been around to see. I well remember that day in July 1969 as my mother told me how fortunate I was to have been alive as men landed on the Moon. Watching the Beatles start what became known as "The British Invasion" was another such example. I didn't grasp what I was experiencing at the time, but I have come to appreciate it in the years that have followed.

Budget 2014: Staying focused on jobs and growth for Canada

Our government recently introduced Economic Action Plan 2014 — the next step in our plan for job creation and economic growth.

Canada's recovery from the recent global recession has been among the strongest in the world, with over a million more Canadians now working than at the worst of the recession — the best job creation record among all G-7 countries, including Germany.

However, we all know there is still more to do. Too many Canadians are still looking for work and the global economic recovery remains fragile at best, especially in Europe and the United States.

This why our government is staying squarely focused on the economy. We're moving forward with a positive plan that will help create jobs and grow our economy, all while keeping taxes low and remaining on track for balanced budgets in 2015.

Since 2006, our government has been keeping Canada on the right path for economic growth. This includes lowering taxes more than 160 times, which will save the average Canadian family nearly \$3,400 on their tax bill in 2014. We've also

cut taxes for job-creating businesses, allowing them to hire more workers, and have opened up new markets for Canadian goods and services, most recently through the historic Canada-European Union Trade Agreement.

To help Canadians get the skills and training they need to succeed, our Plan also moves forward with the Canada Job Grant to connect people looking for work directly with in-demand jobs. We're also introducing the Canada Apprentice Loan to give access to student loans to apprentices for the first time ever.

Several initiatives in Economic Action Plan 2014 will benefit Ontario, including supporting Canada's entrepreneurs (by

providing an additional \$40 million to the Canada Accelerator and Incubator Program to help entrepreneurs across the country create new companies and realize the potential of their ideas); increasing competition in the telecommunications market (by capping wholesale domestic wireless roaming rates, creating more competition in the wireless market and benefiting consumers); and improving access to broadband in rural and northern communities (by providing \$305 million to extend and enhance access to high-speed broadband networks for up to an additional 280,000 Canadian households).

Equally important, our Plan keeps Canada on track to balance the budget in

2015. From Greece to Detroit, we've seen the consequences of governments that don't focus on putting their fiscal house in order. Balanced budgets do more than signal stability and make Canada a more attractive place to invest, they also keep taxes low and ensure our children and grandchildren aren't saddled with our debt.

However, unlike the previous government, we are not balancing the budget by cutting transfers to the provinces for health care or education. In fact, under our government those transfers are at all-time highs. Instead, we're making government programs more efficient — cutting waste and ensuring every taxpayer dollar spent is as useful as possible.

While the opposition parties don't agree with getting back to balanced budgets, instead pushing big risky spending schemes and new taxes that will take more out of your pockets, our government will stick to its proven low-tax plan for job creation and economic growth.

For more information on Economic Action Plan 2014 and how it can benefit you, I encourage you to visit www.actionplan.gc.ca

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David Tilson MP Dufferin-Caledon



Many spring happenings going on at Caledon Seniors' Centre

By Margaret and Bill Cunning

"March winds will blow" and after the hard icy and snowy winter we have all experienced, we hope they blow a warm breath over the land to melt our winter white world.

There was beauty in the icy-covered trees and the snow-covered landscape, but also hardship for those without heat and light struggling to keep warm. We will all appreciate spring's arrival this year.

We start off March 4 with a nice pancake lunch for Shrove Tuesday at 11 a.m. The cost will be \$7. The Centre will then be closed for spring break from March 10 to March 16, and will reopen March 17.

Don't forget to wear a touch of green March 17 as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

The Centre will host bridge and euchre tournaments March 22. They will start at 10 a.m. and continue until play finishes. Lunch will be served and the cost is \$10. Players must register at the Centre in person or by phone at 905-951-6114.

We have a trip to Casino Rama planned

for March 27. The coach leaves the Centre at 9 a.m. and returns at approximately 5 p.m. The cost is \$8 with buffet lunch.

Moving into April, we start off April 2, with a wonderful trip to the new Ripley's Aquarium. Lunch will be in the 360 degrees CN Tower restaurant. The luxury coach leaves the Centre at 9:35 a.m. and returns at approximately 5:30 p.m. The price is \$120, and that includes entrance to the Tower.

Our prime event of the spring is the Spring Fling fundraising dinner and dance, to be held April 4. This is an annual event and is well attended, so get your tickets early and come join the fun. It starts at 7:30 p.m. and the cost is \$25.

We have another of our popular cribbage and bridge tournaments planned for April 12. They start at 10 a.m. and continue until play finishes. Lunch will be served and the cost is \$10. All players must register at the Centre or phone 905-951-6114.

Our annual general meeting will be held April 28. Lunch will be free if you at-

tend the meeting. Lunch will be at noon with the meeting following at 1 p.m. We welcome all members to attend and elect the new Board for the year ahead.

For more information on any of our programs or trips, please check our website at www.caledonseniors.ca or contact us at 905-951-6114 or by email at caledonseior@rogers.com

Future will be discussed at Lifetree Café

The trends that will affect how people live in the future will be explored at Lifetree Café this coming Wednesday (Feb. 26).

The program, entitled News From the Future: A Futurist Gives a Sneak Peek, will feature a filmed interview with Thomas Frey, senior futurist at the DaVinci Institute.

"There's an ongoing fear about the future," Frey said, as he encourages people to be aware of developments shaping their futures. "The future will happen, so let's be engaged so we can take advantage of the opportunities. This is a wonderful time to be alive."

April 18, we celebrate Good Friday and the start of the Easter Celebrations. We wish you all a Happy Easter.

The Centre has been a warm and welcoming place throughout this long winter; a place of warmth and fellowship. The invitation to lunch Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays is warmly extended at your "home away from home."

Participants will hear about key developments that Frey predicts will significantly change daily life in the coming decades.

The program will run from 7 to 8 p.m. Admission will be free and snacks and beverages will be available.

Lifetree Café is at St. James' Anglican Church, 6025 Old Church Rd., Caledon East.

Lifetree Café is a place where people gather for conversation about life and faith in a casual coffeehouse-type setting. Questions about Lifetree may be directed to Mark Tiller at 905-584-8506 or mark.lifetree@gmail.com

Another spending scandal



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Claire Hoy

Margaret Thatcher, who knew something about irony and overcoming long odds, once quipped, "It's a funny old world."

Indeed it is.

Take most of the media headlines from last week's federal budget for example. It was generally dismissed as "boring" or "doing nothing," etc., not just by the opposition, which is standard fare, but by almost everybody who covered it.

Why? It seems the Tories were found guilty of — wait for it — the heinous crime of balancing the budget. Horrors! Imagine, not announcing a host of expensive ways to sink the taxpaying public further into debt. Imagine, focusing on getting us out of the hole that wanton government spending (including the incumbents) has dug for us. The nerve.

For decades, your humble correspondent has railed against Government by Chargex, the overwhelming practice by politicians to spend money — your money — that they don't have, all the while urging Mr. and Mrs. Beleaguered Taxpayer to watch their own personal saving habits so that when retirement comes they'll be able to afford it.

Now those dastardly Tories are actually boasting about clearing off the deficit and trying to pay down the enormous outstanding government debt. Have they no shame?

Contrast the negative coverage of their responsible spending with the routinely blasé approach toward Ontario's free-spending Liberal government under the aegis of Kathleen Wynne.

One assumes the general public isn't as happy about Liberal wastrels as the media seems to be, since the ruling Liberals once again were trashed in two by-elections last week — one going Tory, the other NDP.

But on the media front, you'd be hard-pressed to find somebody who enjoys more positive coverage overall than Wynne — as did Dalton McGuinty before her — despite the fact they are working overtime to turn Ontario from a traditional economic powerhouse to a potential economic wasteland.

It's not all their fault, of course. Ontario has suffered because our traditional manufacturing base has been overtaken by events, particularly in the energy field.

That being said, however, the McGuinty-Wynne regime has done everything it could to make a bad situation worse. (Wynne's promise of a made-in-Ontario pension plan is the just latest multi-billion-dollar-boondoggle-in-waiting.)

While the federal Tories have been far

from perfect in many areas — and let's face it, Harper isn't exactly a warm and fuzzy guy — they certainly have their economic priorities in order.

Not so the Ontario Liberals.

The worst boondoggle of all, of course, has been their so-called "green energy" program. It was supposed to create jobs and stimulate the economy, but it has done the opposite. Even the European Union and Germany — both of whom bought into the alternative energy hysteria in a big way — have formally announced they're cutting back on huge subsidies for solar, wind and other renewable because of the "staggering costs." If you don't think that applies to Ontario, check you latest energy bill.

Indeed, Ontario is in such dire straits from Liberal fiscal mismanagement that even though the number of welfare recipients in Canada has declined markedly since the mid-1990s, not so in Ontario. How bad is it? In 2012, 7.6 percent of Ontarians were on welfare, the second worst record in Canada behind only Newfoundland. Now there's a point of pride, eh? It gets worse.

Senior writer Bob Hepburn, writing last week in the Toronto Star, pointed out something that the rest of the media — for reasons I don't understand — continue to ignore, i.e. the scandalous increase in executive pay raises and growing use of lobbying firms paid with tax dollars by Ontario's 14 Community Care Access Centres (CCACs), which govern home care in Ontario. (This is a totally separate scandal from the well-documented ORNGE failures.)

People love to attack private sector CEO salaries. Well, Hepburn writes that since Deb Matthews has been health minister, CCAC executive salaries "have skyrocketed while low-paid workers who actually deliver services to patients haven't seen their incomes rise in a decade..."

How bad is it? Less than 50 cents of every tax dollar earmarked for home care actually reaches those who deliver services to patients. The average salary of the CEOs is \$234,000 a year, an unconscionable average hike of 12 percent a year over the three-year period. (Has your salary gone up 36 percent over three years? Not likely.) At the same time, many personal health support workers earning under \$20,000 a year haven't had a raise at all. Nice.

One example: Caroline Brereton, CEO of the Mississauga Halton CCAC, which serves Georgetown, makes \$229,890, a 47 percent increase over her 2009 predecessor's pay.

No wonder Ontario is drowning in a sea of Liberal-red ink.

Isn't it time NDP Leader Andrea Horwath quit coddling them and let the voters decide their fate? What is she afraid of, for heaven's sake?



Col. (ret.) Andrew Nellestyn of Kinburn, Ontario, David Tilson and Orangeville Legion Sergeant at Arms Chris Skalozub of Orangeville addressed the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs.

Tilson gets Legion backing for his bill

Dufferin-Caledon MP David Tilson got the chance last week to promote his private member's bill before a Senate committee, and he had backing from the Royal Canadian Legion.

Tilson, appeared before the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs as they began an examination of his bill to protect war memorials and cenotaphs, Bill C-217.

During his appearance, Tilson was joined by Orangeville Legion Sergeant-at-Arms Chris Skalozub and retired Colonel Andrew Nellestyn of the Ottawa area. Both men made impassioned statements on the need to strengthen the penalties for this profoundly disrespectful offence.

"I was honoured to have these two veterans appear with me," Tilson said. "Mr. Skalozub's testimony was particularly important, given his work as Chairman of the Legion Memorial Restoration Program Fund."

"Our memorials and cenotaphs are sacred ground in our communities and we must do everything we can to protect them," he added.

The Liberal members of the committee, including Senator Romeo Dallaire, challenged the notion of mandatory minimum penalties, advocating instead for leniency.

In response to a question from Dallaire, Mr. Tilson said "Yes, if you're convicted of these offences, you should have a criminal record. Absolutely. This is a serious matter. It goes beyond mischief."

Bill C-217 adds significant penalties to anyone convicted of mischief against a war memorial, cenotaph or similar structure designed to honour those who have died as a result of war. A minimum fine of \$1,000 would be imposed for a first offense, with a two-week jail term for a second offense and a 30-day jail term for third and subsequent offenses.

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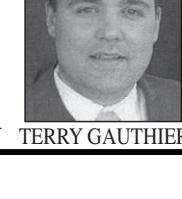


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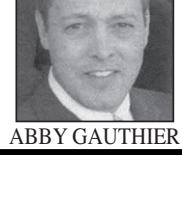
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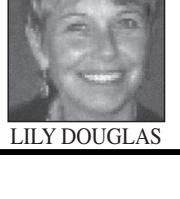
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LILY DOUGLAS

GTA West Corridor studies going too slow, Region believes

By Matt Bradley

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) commences stage two of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the GTA West Corridor this week.

The second stage aims at choosing a preferred route for the 55-kilometre corridor set to link Highway 400 in the east with Highways 401 and 407 in the west. The completion of stage two is expected in three to five years, but that is far too long for many Peel Regional councillors.

Concern within the Region was brought to the forefront during last Thursday's council meeting. Many councillors expressed worry that land currently under study for the new highway would remain frozen for another three to five years, halting much needed economic development.

Caledon Councillor Alan Thompson

voiced his disappointment.

"We have site plans and building permits ready to be issued," he commented. "I am really devastated that we are only this far."

Thompson's sentiments were echoed throughout the chambers. Brampton Councillor John Sprovieri urged MTO to fast-track the EA process by first identifying where the highway would cross the Credit and Humber Rivers. There are only a few options at these pinch points, so the decision could be made with greater efficiency. According to Sprovieri, this decision would narrow the range of the highway's possible routes and free employment land for development.

The Senior Project Manager at MMM Group Limited, Neil Ahmed, agreed that determining pinch points can be made

with greater expediency, but reminded council that the proposed highway, including its several interchanges, must be strategically placed with respect to different stakeholder and community interests.

Public consultation with such groups is meant to ensure that those affected by the proposed corridor are given a voice. However, the nature of public debate serves to prolong the EA process.

Project Engineer Natalie Rouskov insisted that the Ministry is taking into account the concerns expressed by council, and expediting the release of employment land where reasonably appropriate.

"Through a phased approach throughout the length of the study, we (MTO) are releasing objections to developments within the study corridor at appropriate times with public consultation," Rouskov

stated. "That's something we don't (normally) do, but it is in response to the concerns that we have heard."

As stage two progresses and the Ministry narrows in on a preferred route, employment land will incrementally be made available for development as appropriate. Nevertheless, there remains the concern that the release of employment lands will be delayed too long. Ahmed suggested that the first round of such releases will unlikely occur before the first Public Information Center (PIC), scheduled for the winter of 2014-15.

Petitioning MTO to move the PIC to an earlier date seems a likely first step for council as they encourage a more efficient EA.

Opponents of Melville pit to hold two meetings in Alton and Orangeville

By James Matthews

Opponents of a proposed new aggregate operation near Melville will host a pair of town hall meetings to better voice their side of the argument.

Caledon council agreed in December to support an effort by Olympia Sand and Gravel to establish a pit between Porterfield and Willoughby Roads, just south of Dufferin County Road 109. The Melville Pit will be one of the largest in Caledon.

Residents appealed that decision Jan. 9 to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB). In an effort to build on that momentum, Citizens Against the Melville Pit (CAMP) will host two public meetings to inform and update local residents about the impact they believe the pit will have.

The first scheduled for tonight (Thursday) at the Orangeville and District Seniors Centre at 7 p.m. at 26 Bythia St. The second meeting will take place Sunday (Feb. 23) at 3 p.m. at Alton Mill at 1402 Queen St. West.

Samantha Asher, a CAMP representative, said the group hired experts to review reports supporting the operation, adding their data shows it will have a huge impact on water, air quality, traffic, property values, noise pollution and wildlife.

"The fight is not yet over and can still be won," she said. "It is time for us to take our community back before it's too late."

"It is time for us to say no to more gravel pits close to residential areas, schools, and local towns," she added. "When gravel takes priority over the security of our water supply, over the public health hazard of breathing in silica, over the right to enjoy peace and quiet on our properties, things have gone too far."

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This piece of firefighting equipment provided a bird's eye view of the grounds. Firefighter Glenn MacLachlan of the Caledon village station went aloft to get some overhead shots.



The pictures from up high included this one of firefighters marching in the parade that opened the festivities.

Photo by Glenn MacLachlan



The Orangeville Snowmobile Club had a collection of their machines on display, and they impressed Nolan Levy, 4, of Caledon village.

THE ART OF THE CRAFT.



The Caledon Agricultural Society won the medal in the Chilly Cook-Off. Glenda Simeone was showing off the medal.



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This free program will be run in part-

nership with the Brampton Library. It will be a fun program where youngsters can show off their artistic and literary talents. Talk about some favourite books, create art masterpieces and more. Register in advance by calling the Brampton Library at 905-793-4636.

The program will run Feb. 27, March 27 and April 24 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Kids Sampler Workshop

This program will run Saturdays from March 1 to April 5 (except for March 15 during March break) from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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The fee per session is \$70 for non-members and \$59.50 for members.

Break Out! P.A. Day

The Fine Art of Storytelling will be the focus of this March 7 program from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

From its earliest form as an oral tradi-

Caledon man dies while snowboarding

A 20-year-old Caledon man was found dead Wednesday morning at Blue Mountains Resort.

Ontario Provincial Police Sergeant Peter Leon reported the man was identified as Taylor Ogram.

Police report officers from the Collingwood and Blue Mountains detachment were called out shortly before 1 a.m., responding to reports of a missing person at the resort. By the time they got to the

tion to what it is today, children will discuss how stories are told and will create stories of their own. The art of storytelling comes alive at PAMA as children discover their own narratives.

The fee is \$35 for non-members and \$29.75 for members.

There are also drop-in weekend afternoons with fun family activities inspired by exhibitions. Families can make and take home creative projects and inspired art.

As well, there will be activities for the kids during March break (March 10 to 14).

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SPORTS

CALEDON

Golden Hawks done for season

Loss in Schomberg ends quarter-final round

By Brian Lockhart

The season is over for the Caledon Junior C Golden Hawks.

Their quarter-final series against the Schomberg Cougars ended last Thursday night (Feb. 13) in Schomberg with a 5-1 loss in game five of the series.

After taking game one of the best-of-seven series on home ice Feb. 2, the Hawks lost four straight to bow out of the running in the Georgia Mid Ontario Hockey League playoffs.

Game five turned out to be a final attempt to keep the series alive, but when the Hawks showed up with only 13 skaters on the bench, they knew it was going to be a tough battle to take the win.

By the time the third period was drawing to a close there were only four skaters and a back-up goalie on the bench after players were removed from the game due to misconducts.

The Hawks were rolling out single players on the shift change just to keep in the game.

The series capped what was a successful season that saw the squad improve their overall performance and ranking in GМОHL over the previous year. They finished fifth in the League with 47 points and a 21-19 record that included two overtime and three shoot-out losses.

"I think when we started the season we had some real solid players that really helped out our team," said Hawks' head coach Sandy McCarthy after the series

was over. "Victor Piszczek, Rocky Furfari — they were quality players that could play on any team's top lines. Those players quit on us about a month and a half ago and we've been struggling to get a full line-up ever since. They had other things in their life that came forward — I think it really hurt our team to lose those guys. They were both powerplay and penalty kill guys — they both played a high level of hockey. By them leaving it left a big hole in our team that was hard to fill."

Moving into the playoffs, the squad was up against a team that, at least on paper, was a pretty even match.

The Schomberg squad ended the regular season in fourth place with a 25-15 record and 55 points.

Most fans thought the series was likely to go seven games.

"It's tough to win hockey games when you give a team 14 powerplays like we did in game two," McCarthy said. "When you give a team that was in the top two or three in the league all year, 14 powerplays, nothing good is going to happen."

McCarthy tried to instill a sense of discipline in the team all season.

Last year, the Hawks led the League in penalty minutes and one of his objectives this year season was to get the squad to stay out of the box.

Penalty minutes did go down this year, but they still led the League in time in the box.

For the rest of the team's stats for the

season, it is all good news, as the team had a real improvement this year under McCarthy's guidance. In the points column, Hawks' forward Daniel Cafagna came on top, notching 63 points for the season, scoring 34 goals and 29 assists in 40 regular season games. Christian Bonaldi was in second place with 40 points, 16 goals, and 24 assists, after 32 games. Steven Klomp came in third in the points

total with 16 goals and 17 assists after 30 games - good for 33 points.

In other quarter-final playoffs games in the GМОHL, the Penetang Kings have eliminated the Midland Flyers in four games. The Alliston Hornets dispatched the Fergus Devils in four games.

The league is waiting for the final outcome of the Stayner-Erin series to finalize the semi-final round.



Caledon Golden Hawk forward Brett Bloor brings the puck around the back of the Schomberg Cougars' net, pursued by a Schomberg player in game five of their quarter-final series. The Hawks lost the series in five games and are done for the season.

Photo by Brian Lockhart

Hockey greats face off for charity at Hockey Night for Osler event

Some of the greatest and most popular hockey players in NHL history faced off recently in an epic match that thrilled spectators and netted more than \$72,000 to support redevelopment initiatives at William Osler Health System (Osler) hospitals.

More than 1,200 fans purchased tickets for the game at Brampton's Powerade Centre to watch Darryl Sittler and Paul Coffey captain teams that included Marcel Dionne, Mike Krushelnyski, Dan Daoust, Dennis Maruk, Gilbert Dionne and Johnny Bower (coach). Teams also included a number of Osler physicians, staff and supporters who had funds pledged for the opportunity to suit up with the hockey legends.

"Hockey Night for Osler has always been one of our best-selling events, and judging from the enthusiastic crowd here tonight, this year is no different," said William Osler Health System Foundation President and CEO Ken Mayhew. "Special thanks and congratulations must be given to our sponsors, our coaches and players, our event co-chairs, and the many volunteers who make this event such a great success.

With this tremendous support, we are expanding and redeveloping our sites and continuing to improve access to the programs and services that families in this community rely on most."

Fans were treated to an added bonus at the end of the game when a 10-10 tied score forced the game into a shoot-out. After three players from each team were given a chance to score, Team Sittler emerged victorious, with Jonathan Munro of GO Transit scoring the winning goal.

"To say that hockey legends like Darryl Sittler, Paul Coffey and Johnny Bower helped your hospital raise much-needed funds for the community is pretty unique, and something we won't forget," said William Osler Health System President and CEO Matthew Anderson. "This support, along with assistance from the community will help us add a new wing at Etobicoke General, build the new Peel Memorial and fund the next generation of diagnostic equipment and technology at Brampton Civic Hospital. This is an exciting time for health care in this region, and we are happy to be part of it."



NHL alumni Paul Coffey and Darryl Sittler flanked Osler Foundation President and CEO Ken Mayhew and top fundraiser Tony Santos at centre ice for the cheque presentation following the match at the recent Hockey Night for Osler.

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SUBWAY

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



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School:
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SECONDARY
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Name:
TONI ADESIYAN
School:
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CATHOLIC
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SCHOOL

This Grade 9 student has been contributing his skills as skip on the junior mixed curling team. Away from school, he's a forward in house league in the Brampton Youth Hockey Association, and also plays second base in Brampton Minor Baseball, as well as golf. The 14-year-old lives in Brampton with his parents Frank and Karen Haas.



Name:
NICOLINA POTITO
School:
ST. MICHAEL
CATHOLIC
SECONDARY
SCHOOL



Name:
RACHAEL
School:
HUMBERVIEW
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SCHOOL

This Grade 9 student has been making her mark as a setter for the junior girls' volleyball team, which has been doing well. She's also hoping to play outfield for the school's softball team. In the community, she's a house league goalie in the Bolton Wanderers' Soccer Club. The 14-year-old lives in Bolton with her parents Rose and Alex Potito.

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Alton Public School students getting the Golden Shoe award were (back) Ronan Reynolds, Ava Carrigan, (front) Addie Skinkle, Thomas Coleman and Ewan Steele.

Photo by Bill Rea

Students awarded Order of The Foot

By Bill Rea

Students at Alton Public School get in a lot of running, and some of them were recognized for it recently.

The school presented the annual Terry Fox Running Awards (Order of The Foot), with special recognition for those who put in a lot of extra laps.

Physical education teacher Ken Rae observed the school year started at Caledon Central Public School (while the new facility in Alton was being completed), but the students did their laps at Caledon.

"You all did a great job," Rae told those on hand for the awards assembly.

He also had words of tribute for Terry Fox. "We know what a Canadian hero he is," Rae commented, adding the efforts of

the school this year raised \$450 for cancer research.

Certificates were handed out for the top runners, with ribbons based on the number of laps completed. The top class was for those who did at least 84 laps, since Rae pointed out that's the equivalent of a Marathon, which is what Fox did every day during his Marathon of Hope in 1980.

There were also presentations of Golden Shoe awards, which Rae said went to "students who went the extra mile."

The primary students who were recognized were Addie Skinkle (who ran 26.5 kilometres), Thomas Coleman (84 km) and Ewan Steele (84), with certificates going to junior students Ronan Reynolds (150 km) and Ava Carrigan (150.5 km).

CVC workshop to help farmers manage pests

Pest infestations can devastate a profitable farm, and Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) is trying to help.

CVC invites grain and dairy farmers to a free Integrated Pest Management (IPM) workshop this coming Monday (Feb. 24) from 7 to 9 p.m. at CVC's Watershed Learning Centre at Terra Cotta Conservation Area, 14452 Winston Churchill Blvd.

Pradeep Kumar, recent graduate from environmental biology masters program at University of Guelph, will present IPM opportunities. From 7 to 8 p.m., Kumar will focus on insect and pest plants affecting grain crops. From 8 to 9 p.m., the discussion will shift gears to insect pests affecting dairy cattle. Participants are invited to attend one or both sessions.

"Pest infestations are a major challenge facing grain and dairy farmers," CVC Agricultural Program Coordinator Mark Eastman commented. "The workshop will help highlight environmentally responsible ways to deal with pests and avoid the devastation they can bring."

Workshop participants will learn about funding opportunities to support IPM planning and implementation.

The workshop is free, thanks to funding from CVC's regional and municipal partners. Participating farmers should reside in the Credit River watershed. Space is limited. Those interested are asked to register online at <http://pest-management.eventbrite.ca> or by contacting Eastman at 1-800-668-5557 ext. 430 or meastman@creditvalleyca.ca

Sixth annual Osler Ski Day heads back to Caledon Hills

William Osler Health System (Osler) supporters will head for the hills at Caledon Ski Club Feb. 27 in support of Osler's three hospitals.

With fabulous weather and record revenue in 2013, Osler Foundation and presenting sponsor Metrus Development Inc. promise to make it another great day for families by providing breakfast, lunch, plus an après-ski reception, and even lessons for those who book early as part of an all-inclusive ticket.

Event Co-Chairs Jim Kennedy of KLM Planning Partners and Steven Wimmer of MBTW Watchorn believe that the event has become a perfect winter's day escape that loyal participants continue to appreciate. This year, skiers and snowboarders can also collect online pledges for their outdoor accomplishments.

"For six consecutive years, Osler Ski Day has been offering individuals and

families a terrific opportunity to hit the slopes in support of their community hospital," said Kennedy.

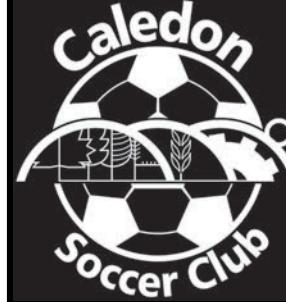
"The \$100 ticket offers exceptional value as well as the chance to help further redevelopment projects at Osler's Brampton Civic, Etobicoke General and the new Peel Memorial Centre for Integrated Health and Wellness."

There are three easy ways to support Osler Ski Day — through sponsorships, pledging or participating in the event.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available to corporate and community groups who want to join 2014 Ski Day sponsors, including Metrus Development Inc., Sterling Dental, Lormel Homes, KLM Planning Partners Inc., MBTW Watchorn, Schaeffer and Associates, Emery Investments, David Schaeffer Engineering Ltd., Savanta Inc. and SNAP newspapers.

Ski Day participants are also encouraged to raise pledges on their own. Each participant who raises \$250 or more in support of Osler's three hospitals will receive an exclusive Ski Day hooded sweatshirt.

Learn more about sponsorship opportunities and book all-inclusive tickets by visiting www.oslerfoundation.org or calling Osler Foundation at 905-494-6556.



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Canada House at Sochi Winter Olympics

SOCHI 2014

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Written by David Pietrangelo
Local King City reporter.
Live from Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics.

ARRIVING IN SOCHI was a surreal experience, after a couple hours of going through security, and checking into our hotel, it felt like we had all finally arrived. I came over with my parents, my girlfriend, my brother Alex Pietrangelo and his girlfriend. We were all lucky enough to fly over together and be a part of this once in a lifetime experience.

When we landed on February 10th, to no ones surprise, the first day was the toughest. The nine-hour time change and flight took some getting used to. We were first introduced to other NHL families and friends that were also on the trip, a mix of Canadian, American, Swedish, and almost every other country competing in Men's Hockey were present. After some logistical meetings, we made our way via hotel shuttle to the Olympic Park.

This first day was a balmy 18 degrees as we sported our Team Canada gear and sent Alex off with hugs, kisses, and good lucks as he made his way to the



Athletes Village. Arriving at Olympic Park was a surreal feeling, we were here at the Winter Olympics!

Once we went through a security checkpoint we were able to walk around the open park and soak it all in. Making our way towards the Olympic Flame we were surrounded by excited fans from all around the world and of course tons of patriotic Russians. It was fun to see everyone in one place with a smile on their face excited to come together for the love and competition of sport. The venues and buildings throughout are all completely new, shining in the sun and looking like modern pieces of art. It is amazing to see such massive structures built from the ground up, just for these next couple of weeks. The Olympic Flame (which is constantly lit throughout the games) shines brightly over most of the buildings and can be seen from hundreds of yards away and circled by the flag of every competing country.

A short two to three minute walk from the centre of Olympic Park is Canada House, a building made specifically for Canadian athletes and their families to gather through the Games. It's a great place to be to meet people from all over Canada, with family members and friends competing in the games, as well as the athletes themselves. Canada House acts as a little taste of home with live CBC coverage of the games on big screen TV's, snack and food you'd find at home, and of course Molson Canadian available at the bar. All the while you're making new friends and rubbing shoulders with the likes of skier Alex Bilodeau, speed skater Charles Hamelin, curling skip Jennifer Jones, and many more.

Last night we were lucky enough to have tickets to the Women's Hockey game between Canada and the

"Chants of O' Canada and U.S.A. broke out every few minutes during play"

U.S.A. The Shayba Arena houses about 5,000 people and the venue was packed with fans from Canada, the U.S.A., and Russia. The two best teams faced off around 4:30 Sochi time and the excitement and amazing atmosphere roared through the stands from the drop of the puck. Chants of O' Canada and U.S.A. broke out every few minutes during play, as if we were in an English Premier League soccer stadium. It was an excellent game to watch that came down to the final minute with Canada prevailing in a 3-2 win.

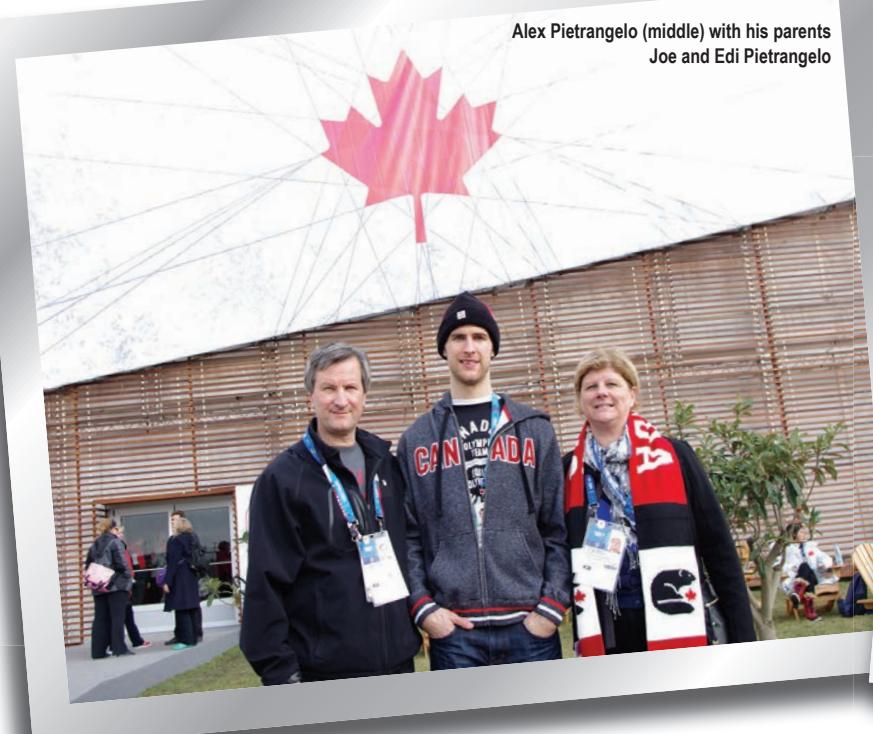
Next up is the Men's Hockey, Canada vs Norway at 9pm in Sochi, 12-noon Eastern Time. I'll be reporting on the Olympics, the hockey games, and writing about my personal experience as the Games continue.



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Alex Pietrangelo (middle) with his parents Joe and Edi Pietrangelo

Sochi Winter Olympic Rings





Dementia: early diagnosis keeps lives from unraveling

At the Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County, people often say that they are experiencing some memory challenges and are wondering whether or not to be concerned.

It is important to find out what is normal and not normal when it comes to changes in our cognitive functioning. People think dementia happens only to older people, but it impacts younger people as well.

More than half the Canadians with dementia wait too long to be diagnosed, losing precious time when care and support can make a difference in their quality of life and avert unnecessary crises for their families.

People are not aware of the benefits of an early diagnosis. There is a mix of emotions around this issue and it often involves fear of the unknown, the stigma, the potential loss of independence, etc. It is important, even critical, to get any concerns checked out by a doctor. The issue could be due to a nutritional deficiency, depression, an undiagnosed infection, or other cause, all of which could be treated and reversed.

However, if the issue is caused by a progressive, degenerative dementia, such as Alzheimer's disease, an early diagnosis can provide you with the time to engage in treatments and strategies that can help slow down the progression, take advantage of meaningful learning opportunities for you and your family, to plan ahead and set priorities, and focus on your quality of life.

Early diagnosis keeps your life from unraveling, so it is important for anyone who is concerned about themselves or a family member to not let fear and stigma become a barrier to seeking help. People with dementia can live meaningful and productive lives for many years after an early diagnosis. Treatment of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias is typically most effective when started early in the disease process.

Getting diagnosed early opens the door to important information, resources and support through our local Alzheimer Society.

"Through the Alzheimer Society's First Link program, we work with doctors so individuals are referred to the program at the point of diagnosis," said Jennifer McCallum, First Link coordinator at Alzheimer Dufferin. "To have a confirmed diagnosis puts control in the hands of the individuals. Once referred, education and support for them and their families help to ensure they will live the journey well."

In the community we need to be supportive and help to eliminate the stigma, while treating persons with dementia with dignity and respect.

Learn the facts. Share your knowledge

about dementia with others, including family and friends, especially if you hear something that isn't true. Talking about dementia lessens our fear and increases understanding.

Don't make assumptions. Dementia is a progressive disease and affects each person differently. A diagnosis doesn't mean the person will have to stop his or her daily routine.

The Alzheimer Society of Canada says that right now, 747,000 Canadians live with some form of dementia. By 2031, this number will top 1.4 million.

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Calls to adjust speeds around RF Hall School

By Bill Rea

Peel Region officials are going to be consulted to see if it's possible to reduce speed limits on a stretch of Old Church Road in Caledon East.

The suggestion came at last week's Town council meeting from planning consultant Paul King, representing Caledon Villas Corporation, which owns about 29 hectares surrounding Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School.

In a letter to the Town, King stated Caledon Villas has been seeking permission to carry out a residential development on the site. Part of this process has involved a speed limit review on Old Church Road. The stretch from Innis Lake Road to a point about 515 metres to the east currently has a posted speed limit of 50 km/h, but King stated there are suggestions to extend it another 200 metres.

He stated it should represent a minor change, but would improve student safety.

King also told councillors they did noise studies and determined there's a difference when speeds are reduced.

Mayor Marolyn Morrison said the issue should be referred to public works staff, and they could check with the Region to see if the speed reduction is appropriate.

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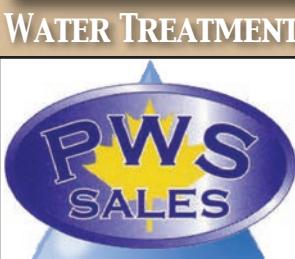
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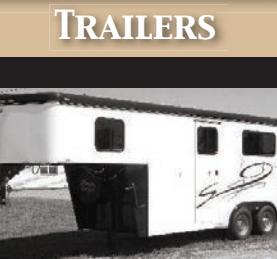
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The best part about being an artist is learning the basics, making mistakes and progressing through them. Doing all of this is a lot easier when you have someone there to teach you, make you understand and guide you through your mistakes. Being from a small town like Bolton, it doesn't exactly help getting "out there" as an artist. So it depends on how dedicated the artist is in really mastering their craft and utilizing it to make them known in such a competitive industry like the fine arts. Luckily, with help of the great teachers in Bolton, we are able to learn and grow, gaining confidence all the way. And for some, heading to new places to work as an actor or play in a well known orchestra does not seem like a dream anymore.

"Some of the most important messages are brought to our attention in the form of art, whether we choose to take note of it or not"

-Unknown

I am currently a student at Moura Music Studios. My teacher is Director and owner Kate Moura. I started taking singing lessons at the age of nine. My name is Nick Mete and I am 18 years old.

In all the lessons that I have had, I have come to determine, the most important thing is the student - teacher relationship. It makes it a lot easier as a student to truly express myself through art when I feel as though my teacher is there for me. Of course, at times, there has to be discipline when I really need to get my theory homework completed but it never comes down to "I am the teacher so I am better than you" at Moura's. Kate is the instructor however I know that in each of our classes we both leave with more knowledge than we started with. I hope to be able to continue this until I physically no longer can! I encourage all those interested in the fine arts to push themselves to do what they love.

Since I have begun classes at Kate's I started taking my craft more seriously and wanted to look for places to sing outside of the studio. One of the first "gigs" I got was singing at Kate's wedding which to me was truly an honor and since then I have sang at various weddings and other ceremonies. Kate has encouraged and helped me to achieve this.

I am now preparing to expand my love for the arts outside of Bolton as I am auditioning in the fine arts at various universities and colleges both in and out of the country. This to me was only a thought at one point in my life. It wasn't until I worked on my art that I felt confident enough to exceed Bolton's boundaries. On Saturday February 8th I performed two original songs at the Heart to Heart Gala to raise money for Sick Kid's Cardiac Unit. Performances like this let me add to my theatrical experience.

MIKKI WHITE, the private school principal and curriculum developer and her team at The Above & Beyond Learning Experience is doing something different. They are offering a flexible learning environment that allows students to obtain their curriculum credits while building their confidence.

"This is an extremely flexible school program" says White. "We work with one child to one teacher". The school provides the full academic credits to students from grades one to twelve. However, their main focus is with teenagers. They are in the habit of working with teens that have had difficulty learning in a regular school program. Each child that arrives at Above & Beyond has a unique story; some have learning disabilities, or behaviour issues that have been problematic and detrimental to their school studies. The school has been successful at helping kids with ADD, ADHD, Autism and Aspergers and so much more. They have helped the students build confidence and self esteem and have been instrumental in helping these students get into College. "When we get a new student, we try to determine how they can learn" said White. Their program is completely flexible to each student and they are not in the habit of giving up on anyone.

They currently have two locations, Alliston and Bolton. The Alliston location opened their doors ten years ago, and the Bolton location is relatively new at just three years.

White comes to Above and Beyond from an engineering background but was a troubled youth herself. She was taken into foster homes via Children's Aid Society at a young age of 14 and has used this experience along with her

education to help guide and teach children that have fallen through the cracks.

The schools do not have regular classrooms but have a more relaxed format with couches, chairs and tables and they work closely with four equestrian locations, such as Caledon Equestrian School, to broaden the exposure for the students. "Our goal is to be a complete outreach" says White.

White's husband Phil White is also involved in the program as the Vice Principal, Cooperative & Outreach Education Director. The students in the outreach program fulfill their obligations for their academic curriculum and are also involved with outdoor activities if they choose, the equine exposure being one of the biggest.

The Whites work as a team along with four

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For more information contact Mikki White at 705-796-2253 or go to their website at www.ABlearning.org.

■ WRITTEN BY CHRIS McGOWAN

Reporting from King's College School

The 2014 Caledon SnowFest was a great hit again this year and was held at its Caledon Fairgrounds location on Family Day, February 17th.

BUT THIS YEAR, there was something new; the social media updates for the event were covered by grade 11 and 12 students from Caledon's King's College School.

King's College School is an elite private school located in Caledon that has a unique learning method "We empower our students" said Barb Lord, Principal. The King's College program teaches each of its students to have ownership of their own learning and therefore allows the students to learn anything they want. Having said this, the school fully meets the curriculum requirements of the Ontario Ministry of Education, as well as successfully bringing back some valuable standards like mental math, memorization of multiplication tables, grammar, spelling, oral reading, essay writing, seminar leadership, presenting and public speaking, and so much more. The King's College motto is, "Be Magnificent" and they empower their students to be that in and out of the classroom.

The main focus of the school is to prepare the students for University and Leadership roles. The school is celebrating its 20th year, but maintains a very small enrolment with a maximum of 40 students per year. "We are really interested in controlling and tailoring each student's learning to allow for the transfer of ownership to each child" said Lord. "We are proud to say that 100% of all students go to University, 100% earn scholarships and 100% of students go to their University

of choice" said Lord.

Five of the students from King's College were very much involved in SnowFest in Caledon this year. The students lead this initiative and they took on the task of making updates to all of the social media sites prior to the event. They updated the Caledon SnowFest Facebook page, making two updates daily prior to February 17th and they also updated the Twitter post, making two tweets daily as well. The students wanted to ensure that anyone needing to know about Caledon's SnowFest would be able to find the most up to date information at their fingertips. The students also attended SnowFest and acted as roving reporters, taking pictures and updating the social media sights after the event was over. The reporters from King's College school this year were; Matthew Donovan, Ryan Christian, Lucy Hartleiv, Leah Xureb and Andrew White.

Caledon's SnowFest is a day that is dedicated to winter fun and friendly competition with various outdoor activities such as skating, hockey, dog sled races and many more events that are enjoyed by many. It truly is an event that embraces winter to its fullest.

Check out the SnowFest Facebook page to see pictures from this year's event and to gear up for next year, at Snow Fest Caledon, www.facebook.com/SnowFestCaledon.

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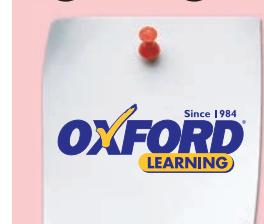
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